



Postsecondary Education NEWS FROM FRANKFORT

News Update from the Council on Postsecondary Education

Statewide study of Kentucky campus facilities begins

The Council kicked off a statewide facilities condition assessment May 10 at Kentucky State University. VFA, Inc. of Boston will conduct the \$1.8 million study which will examine facilities at all public postsecondary institutions to analyze adequacy, additional capital needs, and funding of capital needs. The final report will include 15-year capital spending plans for each institution and will inform the development of the next biennial six-year capital improvement plans and capital project requests. Final reports are expected to be received December 2006. For more information, [visit the Council Web site.](#)

P-16 Council addresses college and work readiness

The statewide P-16 Council will meet June 21 at the Council office in Frankfort. The council's business will include a presentation from Dr. Keith Bird, chancellor of KCTCS, on a recent ACT report "Ready for College and Ready for Work: Same or Different?" Carolyn Witt Jones, executive director of the Partnership for Successful Schools, will present an update of the Kentucky Scholars Program and the related policy issues. To view the complete meeting agenda, [visit the Council Web site.](#)

CPE and KDE grants encourage young engineers

Thirteen Kentucky school districts are recipients of Engineering Pipeline Implementation Grant Awards sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Education and the Council on Postsecondary Education. The grants will help the schools develop engineering initiatives to prepare more students to enter engineering careers and enhance the quality of mathematics and science instruction statewide. The awards will provide \$650,000 over two years to be shared among the 13 awardees. For more information, [view the news release on the Council Web site.](#)

New vice president for Kentucky Adult Education appointed

Sarah Hawker arrived in Frankfort last month as the new vice president for Kentucky Adult Education. Hawker formerly served as vice president for adult education and workforce development for the Illinois Community College Board, an assistant to the governor of Illinois for workforce development, and as a member of the academic affairs staff of the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Minority students learn about college preparation

The Council sponsored two conferences this month to promote the college preparation of Kentucky minority students. The [6th Annual Governor's Minority Student College Preparation Program Conference](#) June 13 - 14 at the University of Louisville brought together over 200 middle school program participants to discuss the importance of taking a rigorous high school curriculum and how it affects college admission, scholarships, and a successful college experience. The [19th Annual Academically Proficient African American High School Junior & Senior Conference](#) was held June 16-17 at Eastern Kentucky University for African American high school juniors and seniors to learn about the various educational opportunities and scholarships available at Kentucky colleges.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ CPE Committee on Equal Opportunities meeting
June 19, 2006, 9 am
Room A, CPE Offices
- ♦ P-16 Council meeting
June 21, 2006, 9 am
Room A, CPE Offices
- ♦ CPE Meeting
July 10, 2006, 10 am
Room A, CPE Offices

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